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SUBJECT: PROTECTION AND USE OF THE NATO SECURE VOICE
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1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS, DERIVED FROM JANAP 138 (A) AND KEYED TO AC/35-WP/80, ARE FORWARDED AS US POSITION FOR MAY 12 WORKING GROUP MEETING. MISSION PLEASE PASS TO ANDREW JOHNSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, NATO OFFICE OF SECURITY THESE US COMMENTS ON AC/35-WP/80, WITH STIPULATION THAT TIME CONSTRAINTS LED TO ONLY INFORMAL AND UNOFFICIAL POSITION BEING DEVELOPED. US WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO FORMALLY ADDRESS ANY PROPOSED GUIDANCE OR WORKING PAPERS ON SUBJECT WHICH OFFICE OF SECURITY MAY DEVELOP.

2. A. PARA 4(A)(1) PROBLEM: "TO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY REMOTE SUBSCRIBERS AND VERIFY THEIR CLEARANCE AND NEED-
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TO KNOW."

COMMENT: PROCEDURES USED IN US AUTOSEVOCOM NET ARE:
ACCESS TO TERMINAL EQUIPMENT IS PERMITTED ONLY THOSE

PERSONNEL POSSESSING CLEARANCE OF SECRET OR HIGHER, OR

PERSONS HAVING LESSER CLEARANCE WHO ARE UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF PROPERLY CLEARED PERSONNEL. IN LATTER CASE, PERSON HAVING CLEARANCE WILL ESTABLISH CALL AND ASSURE THAT ALL PARTIES ARE AWARE OF CLEARANCE OF INDIVIDUAL CALLING. FURTHER, TERMINALS WILL BE PROVIDED THAT DEGREE OF SECURITY COMMENSURATE WITH PROTECTION OF EQUIVALENT LEVELS OF CLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION. AUTHENTICATION SYSTEMS WILL BE USED FOR LEVELS OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION ABOVE SECRET TRANSMITTED BY AUTOSEVOCOM. UNATTENDED EQUIPMENT FOR WHICH SECURE STORAGE NOT POSSIBLE WILL BE DISENABLED.

B. PARA 4(B)(1) PROBLEM: "PRESERVATION OF CLASSIFICATIONS OF INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE USED FURTHER BY EACH SUBSCRIBER (CONVERSANT)."

COMMENT: US PROCEDURES ARE THAT CONVERSANTS MUST IDENTIFY LEVEL OF CLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION BEING DISCUSSED IF SECRET OR ABOVE, AND MUST APPLY APPROPRIATE CLASSIFICATION PRIOR TO FURTHER DISSEMINATION.

C. PARA 4(C)(1) PROBLEM: "TO MAINTAIN RECORDS SHOWING DISSEMINATION OF COSMIC TOP SECRET, ATOMAL AND SIO-ESI INFORMATION."

COMMENT: ASIDE FROM AUTHENTICATION, WHICH VALIDATES AUTHORITY TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION, FORMAL PROCEDURES HAVE NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED TO FORMALLY RECORD SUBJECT OR LEVEL OF CLASSIFICATION OF DISCUSSIONS OVER SECURE VOICE COMMUNICATIONS. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT BECAUSE INVOLVED PROCEDURES WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PERMIT DETAILED REPORTING OF IMPRECISE INFORMATION EXCHANGE, AND THOSE PROCEDURES WOULD ACCOMPLISH, AT BEST, LITTLE MORE THAN ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK, US HAS NOT INITIATED RECORD CONTROL.

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D. PARA 4(1)(D) PROBLEM: "PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF SUBSCRIBER INSTRUMENTS FROM UNAUTHORIZED USE."

COMMENT: AS STATED ABOVE, US PROCEDURES CALL FOR LIMITING ACCESS TO PERSONNEL PROPERLY CLEARED DURING USE AND PROVIDING SECURE STORAGE OR DISABLING EQUIPMENT NOT IN USE.

E. PARA 4(1)(E) PROBLEM: "PROTECTION AGAINST OVERHEARING AND/OR EAVESDROPPING DIRECTLY OR BY CLANDESTINE LISTENING DEVICES."

COMMENT: WHILE US ESTABLISHES RIGID CONTROLS FOR SECURITY OF SWITCHING CENTERS, ONLY LIMITED SECURITY, COMMENSURATE

WITH NORMAL OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, IS PROVIDED TO TERMINAL LOCATIONS. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT BECAUSE AUTOSEVOCOM TRANSMITTED CONVERSATIONS WOULD NOT NORMALLY EXCEED LEVEL OF CLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION DISCUSSED IN FACILITY HOUSING TERMINAL, PHYSICAL SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED TERMINAL LOCATION WOULD ADEQUATELY PROTECT CONVERSATIONS OVER SECURE VOICE COMMUNICATIONS. THUS IF SIOP OR COSMIC OR SPECIAL CATEGORY INFORMATION IS NORMALLY HANDLED/ DISCUSSED ON LOCATION WHERE TERMINAL IS INSTALLED, PHYSICAL PROTECTION AGAINST OVERT OR COVERT PENETRATION, I.E. TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS, WOULD NORMALLY PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR INFORMATION DISCUSSED OVER AUTOSEVOCOM. EACH OF POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS ADDRESSED IN PARA 4(E)(2) HAVE APPLICATION ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

3. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT NATO REGULATIONS SHOULD:

- A. LIMIT ACCESS TO SECURE VOICE TERMINALS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EITHER CLEARED FOR NATO SECRET OR UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CLEARED FOR NATO SECRET.
- B. INSURE THAT SECURE VOICE EQUIPMENT MUST BE AFFORDED PROTECTION COMMENSURATE WITH THEIR LEVEL OF CLASSIFICATION OR DEACTIVATED WHEN NOT IN USE.
- C. PROVIDE FOR AUTHENTICATION BETWEEN CONVERSANTS WHEN COSMIC, ATOMAL, SIOP-ESI, OR OTHER SPECIAL CATEGORY IN- CONFIDENTIAL

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FORMATION IS BEING DISCUSSED.

- D. ENUNCiate POLICIES REQUIRING PERIODIC INSPECTION OF FACILITIES FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ADEQUACY OF PHYSICAL PROTECTION AND IDENTIFYING VULNERABILITY TO OVERT OR COVERT EAVESDROPPING.

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